

Appl. No.: 09/700,687
Amendment dated January 5, 2005
Reply to Office Action of December 28, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Notice of Drawing Inconsistency With Specification that was mailed December 28, 2004 acknowledges receipt of the drawings filed September 24, 2004 and states that FIGS. 1 and 2 are contained in the drawings but are not listed in the Brief Description of Drawings in the specification.

Applicants respectfully point out that the FIGS. 1 and 2 that were submitted with the Amendment After Final of September 24, 2004 are not drawings for the patent application. They are illustrations accompanying the Declaration of J. Mengaud.

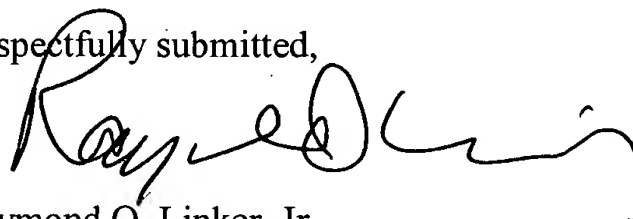
The drawings as originally filed in the application consist of a single drawing figure, labeled FIG. 1. Applicant has not received any objection to the quality of the originally-submitted drawing. However, in order to avoid confusion, Applicants submit herewith a clean copy of the originally-submitted drawing. This is the drawing that should be printed in the patent.

In addition, Applicants have amended the specification to insert a brief description of the drawings section describing this figure.

It is believed that Applicant has fully complied with the Official Action of December 28, 2004. Formal notification of the acceptance of this amendment and explanation is solicited.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

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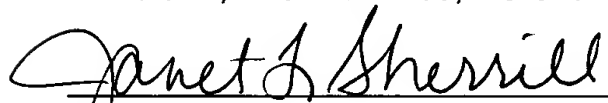
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